

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

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INFO USMISSION GENEVA

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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: GATT, ETRD, CE

SUBJ: SRI LANKA ARTICLE XXVIII RENEGOTIATIONS

REF: A) STATE 158551; B) COLOMBO 230

1. EMBOFF CHECKED WITH NAGARATNAM, GSL  
GATT EXPERT IN COMMERCE DIRECTORS OFFICE,  
TRADE MINISTRY, NOW BACK FROM GENEVA.  
REFERRING TO GSL'S EARLIER POSITION (REF B)  
THAT ADEQUATE COMPENSATION HAD BEEN PROVIDED  
DE FACTO, HE SAID THAT OWING TO USG'S REPEATED  
REQUESTS, GSL THINKING WAS NOW TURNING TOWARD  
SOME SORT OF MORE FORTHCOMING COMPENSATORY  
ADJUSTMENT. HOWEVER, IF THIS IS TO BE DONE,  
EXTENSIVE TIME-CONSUMING INTRA-MINISTERIAL  
CONSULTATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED, ESPECIALLY BETWEEN  
TRADE AND FINANCE MINISTRIES. NAGARATNAM  
STATEMENT ONLY MADE AFTER STRONG INSISTENCE  
THAT SOME SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE NEEDED NOW  
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RATHER THAN ANOTHER PROMISED DATE OF ANSWER

TO NOTE. NAGARATNAM SAID THAT WHEN COMMERCE  
DIRECTOR (SAMARAWIKREME) RETURNS FROM CURRENT  
EAST EUROPEAN TRIP ABOUT END JULY THEY WILL  
MEET WITH EMBOFF TO "DISCUSS OUR THINKING".  
BEST HE COULD PROMISE ON FINAL RESPONSE TO  
NOTE WAS FOUR TO SIX WEEKS.

2. WE BELIEVE NAGARATNAM HAS GONE OUT ON  
LIMB BY MENTION OF POSSIBLE GSL CONCESSION  
WHICH SHOULD BE REGARDED AS UNOFFICIAL, INFORMAL,  
AND IN CONFIDENCE. EMBASSY IS MAINTAINING CON-  
TRACT ON THIS ISSUE BUT BELIEVES PATIENT APPROACH  
COULD RESULT IN EVENTUAL SATISFACTORY RESULT.  
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